ISN'T IT OBVIOUS THEY'RE SETTING YOU UP?
YOU'VE BEEN MY COMRADE IN ARMS FOR A LONG TIME.
WHY ARE YOU ACTING SO STUBBORN ALL OF A SUDDEN?
.....
EVERYTHING IS GOING SO SMOOTHLY, IT'S LIKE IT'S ALL BEEN DESIGNED BY SOMEONE.
EACH STEP WE TAKE GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH AND LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE NEXT ONE.
THINGS HAVE BEEN WEIRD EVER SINCE WE MET HUANG CHU.
I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES, BUT I'M SURE IT'S A TRAP!
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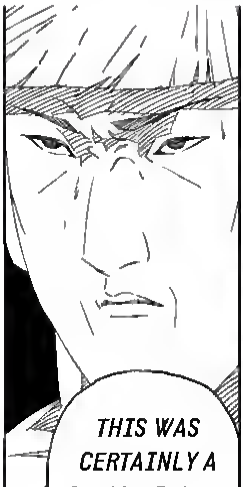

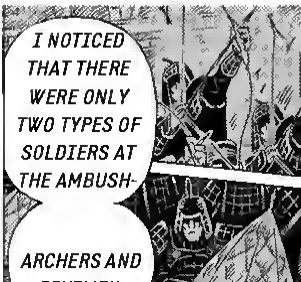

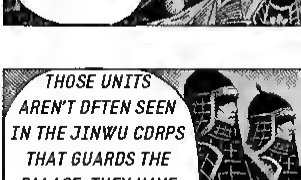

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I WITNESSED HER TEAR OFF HER FLESH AND REVEAL HER TRUE FORM!
SHE IS YAN PO!
THIS IS AN IRREFUTABLE FACT THAT I SAW WITH MY OWN EYES!
UGH!
VERY WELL...
SINCE YOU'VE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND, LET US PREPARE
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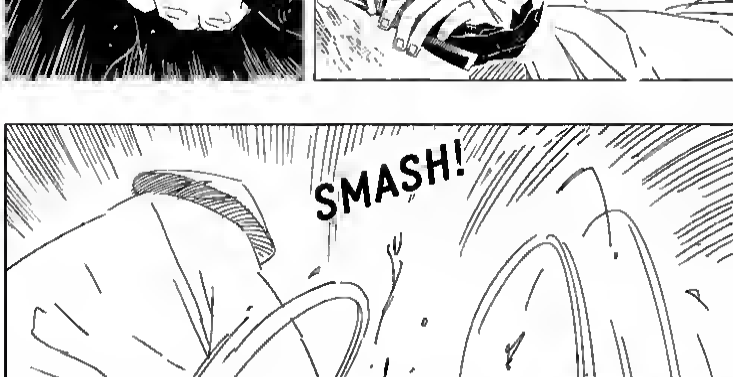
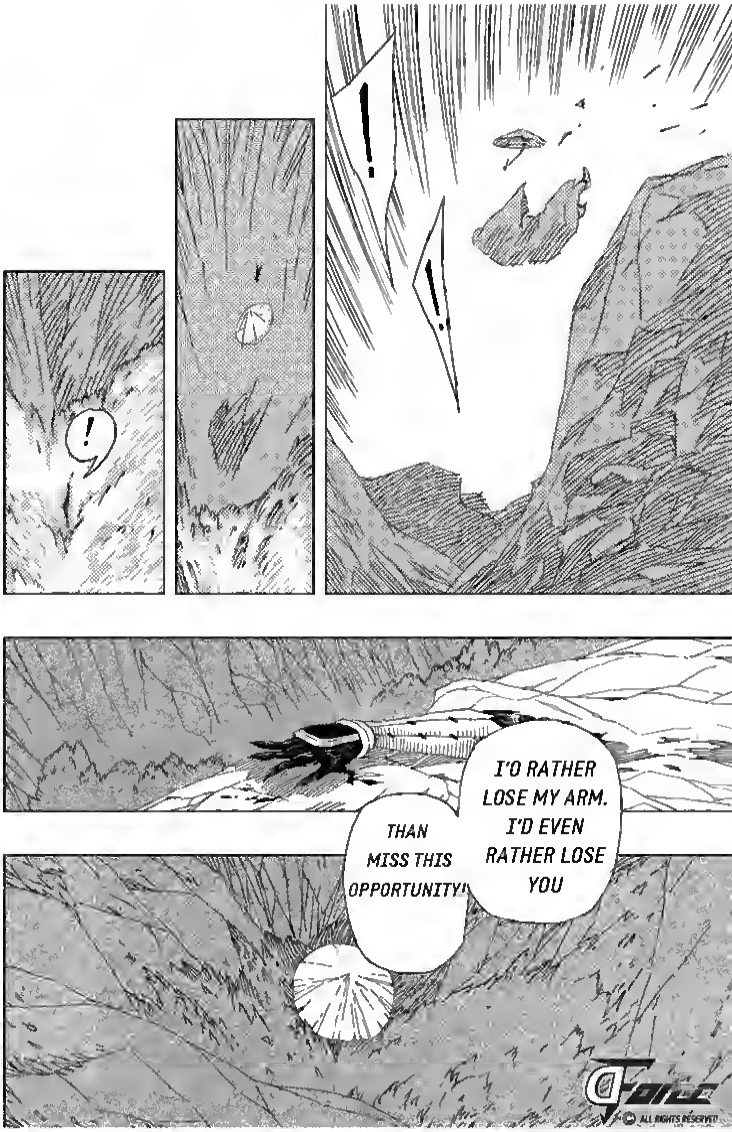
I CAN GET YOU PATCHED UP
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID SOME-THING
WE WERE IN SUCH A HURRY, THERE WAS NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT IT

WERE YOU WOUNDED?


SMASH!

DID YDU HAVE MERCURY DN YDUR HANDS?
MY FLESH MELTED DFF...
WE'RE NOT DONE WITH YAN PO. WE'LL HAVE MORE CHANCES TO GET HERE.
I CAN'T BEAR TO JUST SIT BY AND WATCH THE ONE DESCENDANT OF THE EMPEROR WHO'S MOST LIKELY TO REALIZE OUR REVENGE
JUST RUSH INTO DAMING PALACE ON A SUICIDE MISSION.
WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR LEAD FOR ALL THESE YEARS. BUT NOT THIS TIME.
SMASH!
SMASH!



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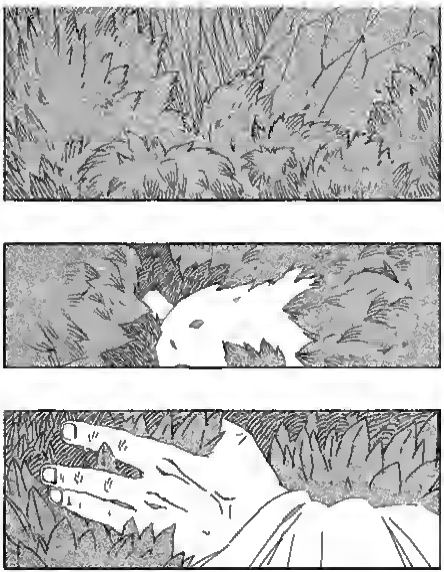

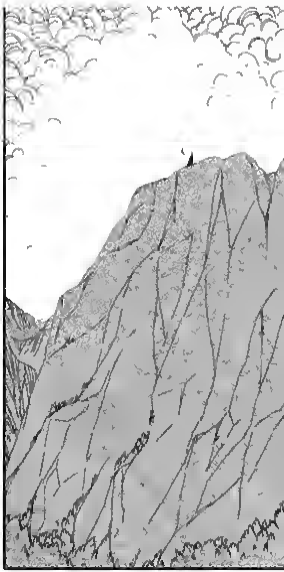

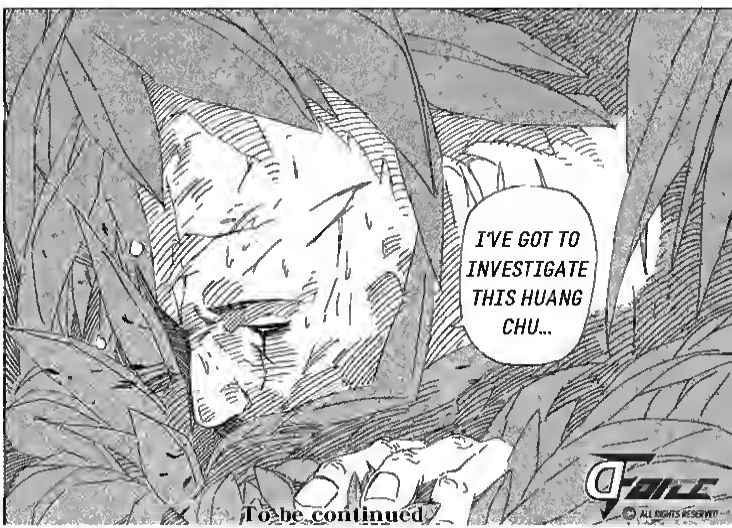

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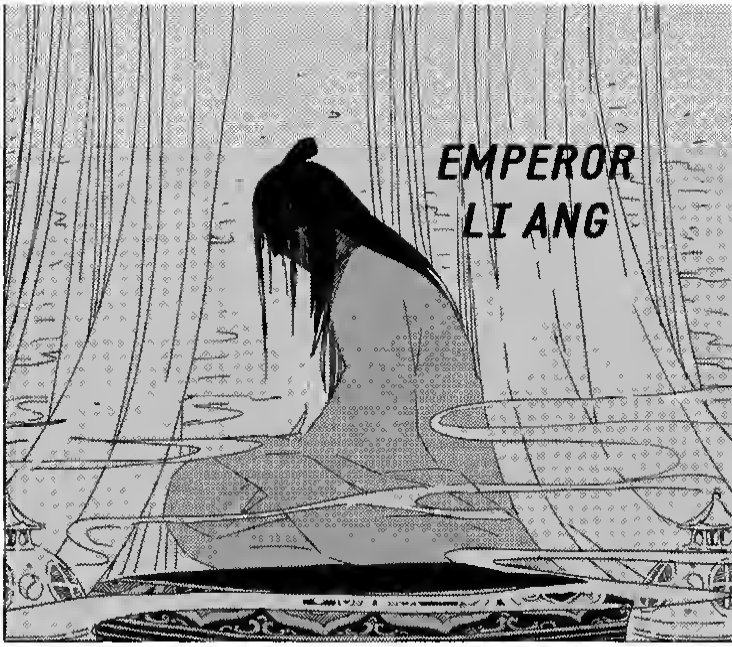
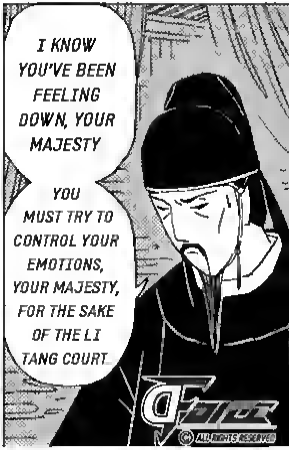

EMPEROR
LI ANG

WHAT DOES THAT NAME EVEN MEAN ANYMORE?

THE LI TANG COURT?


I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN FEELING DOWN, YOUR MAJESTY
YOU MUST TRY TO CONTROL YOUR EMOTIONS, YOUR MAJESTY, FOR THE SAKE OF THE LI TANG COURT
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THIS WORLD IS CONTROLLED BY THE WANGS! THE YUS! THE WEIS!
THE LI NAME MEANS NOTHING!
QUELL YOUR ANGER, YOUR MAJESTY... IT IS ALL THE FAULT OF YOUR MINISTERS...
AND YOU! YOU!
WHAT DID YOU PROMISE ME BEFORE? THAT YOU'D ERADICATE THE EUNUCH FACTION AND RESTORE THE LI TANG COURT!
WELL?! WHAT HAPPENED?!

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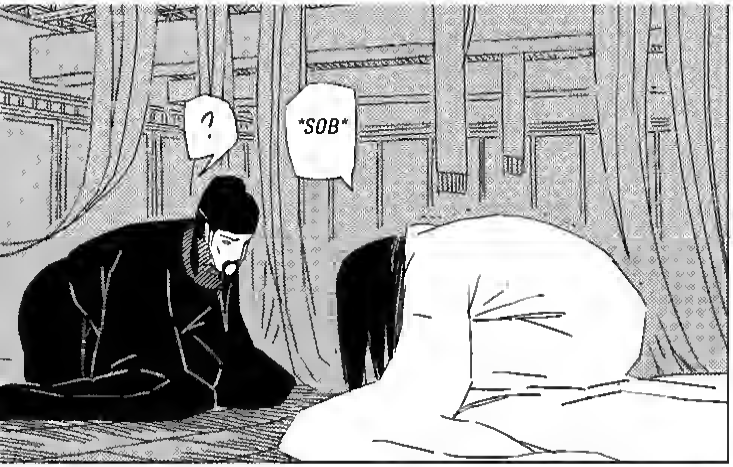

AND LOOK WHAT'S BECOME OF HIS DESCENDANT I CAN ONLY PROSTRATE MYSELF BEFORE THE EUNUCHS AND BEG FOR THEIR MERCY
MY ANCESTOR, EMPEROR TAIZONG WAS A PEERLESS CONQUEROR!
I'VE DISHONORED MY ANCESTORS

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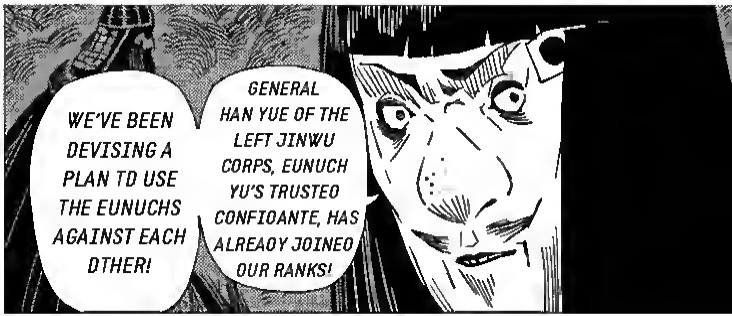
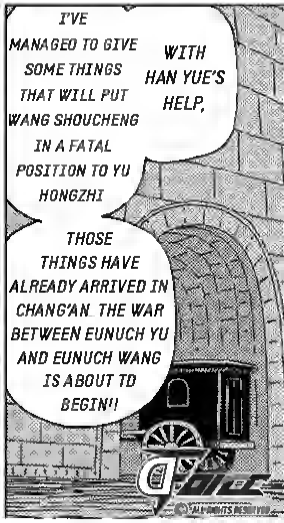

WE'VE BEEN DEVISING A PLAN TO USE THE EUNUCHS AGAINST EACH OTHER!
GENERAL HAN YUE OF THE LEFT JINWU CORPS, EUNUCH YU'S TRUSTED CONFIDANTE, HAS ALREADY JOINED OUR RANKS!

JUST WHAT HAS ZHENG ZHU BEEN HIDING?
USE THE EUNUCHS AGAINST EACH OTHER?

IN ORDER TO LOWER WANG SHOUCHENG'S GUARD BEFORE THE FEUD STARTS, I'VE COME HERE TO DISCUSS A DECREE

WITH TWO MEN AS POWERFUL AS THEM FIGHTING, ONE OF THEM IS BOUND TO GO DOWN. WHICHEVER ONE IS LEFT WILL BE EASY TO DEAL WITH!


WITH HAN YUE'S HELP,
I'VE MANAGED TO GIVE SOME THINGS THAT WILL PUT WANG SHOUCHENG IN A FATAL POSITION TO YU HONGZHI
THOSE THINGS HAVE ALREADY ARRIVED IN CHANG'AN. THE WAR BETWEEN EUNUCH YU AND EUNUCH WANG IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!!

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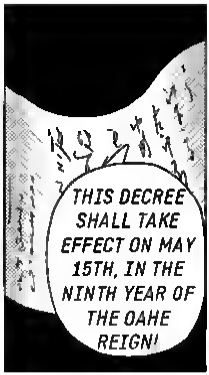
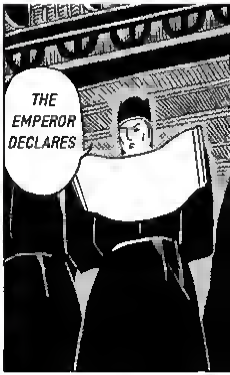

THIS DECREE SHALL TAKE EFFECT ON MAY 15TH, IN THE NINTH YEAR OF THE OAHE REIGN!

BE PROMOTED TO THE COMMANDER OF BOTH THE LEFT AND RIGHT SHENCE ARMIES!
THE LEFT SHENCE ARMY LIEUTENANT, WANG SHOUCHENG, SHALL, FROM THIS DAY FORTH,


THE EMPEROR DECLARES

I AM HONORED TO BE GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY!
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IMPERIAL AFFAIRS HALL
GO TO HELL! IT'S MY TURN TO TOAST!
OBSTINATE, AREN'T WE? LET'S GO!
WE'LL SEE WHO CAN HOLD THEIR WINE BETTER!
BOTTOMS UP!
HE BLACKED OUT!
HAHA!
EVERYBODY IN THE LATERAL COURTS OFFERS THEIR CONGRATULATIONS, YOUR MAJESTY!
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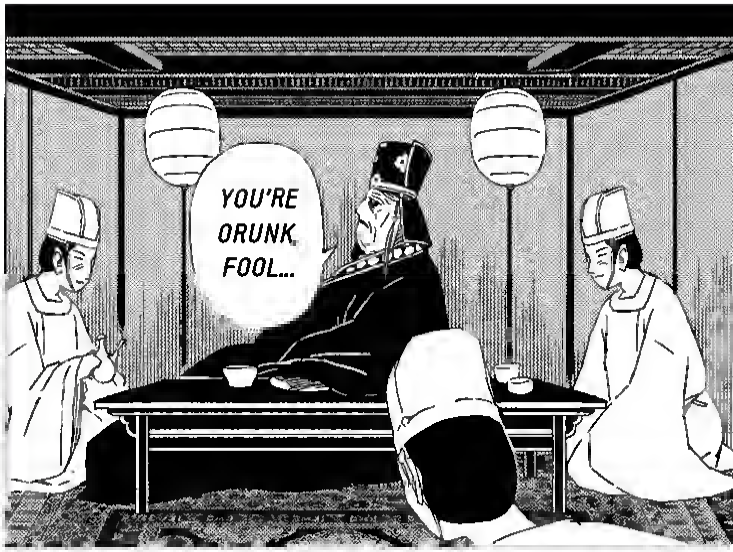
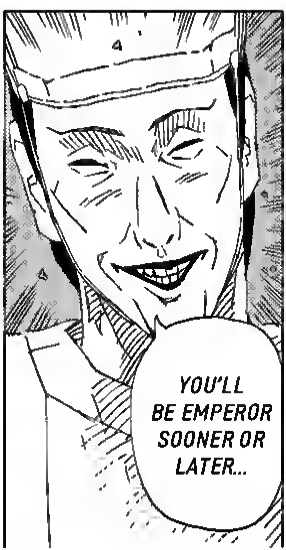
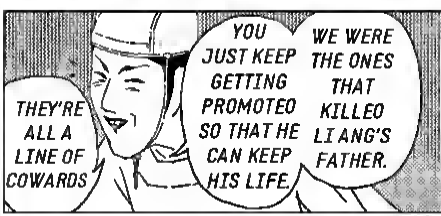
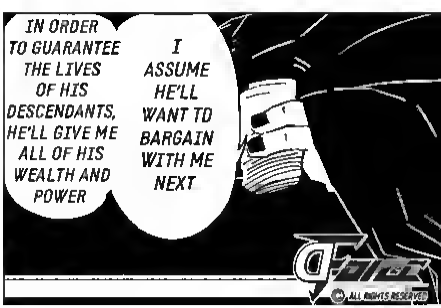





THEY'RE ALL A LINE OF COWARDS
YOU JUST KEEP GETTING PROMOTEO SO THAT HE CAN KEEP HIS LIFE.
WE WERE THE ONES THAT KILLEO LI ANG'S FATHER.


IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE THE LIVES OF HIS DESCENDANTS, HE'LL GIVE ME ALL OF HIS WEALTH AND POWER
I ASSUME HE'LL WANT TO BARGAIN WITH ME NEXT

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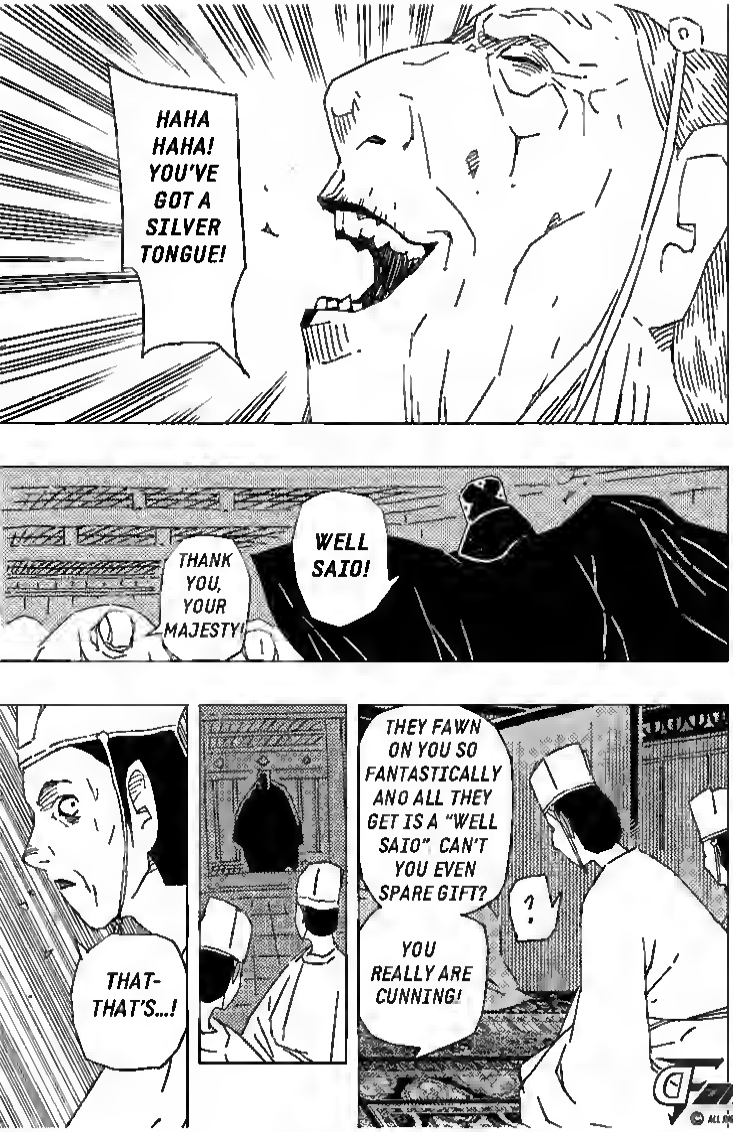
HAHA HAHA! YOU'VE GOT A SILVER TONGUE!
WELL SAID!
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!
THAT-THAT'S...!
THEY FAWN ON YOU SO FANTASTICALLY AND ALL THEY GET IS A "WELL SAID". CAN'T YOU EVEN SPARE GIFT?
?
YOU REALLY ARE CUNNING!

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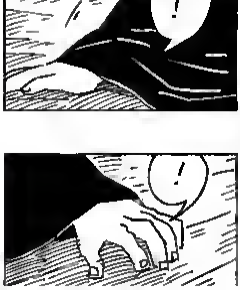

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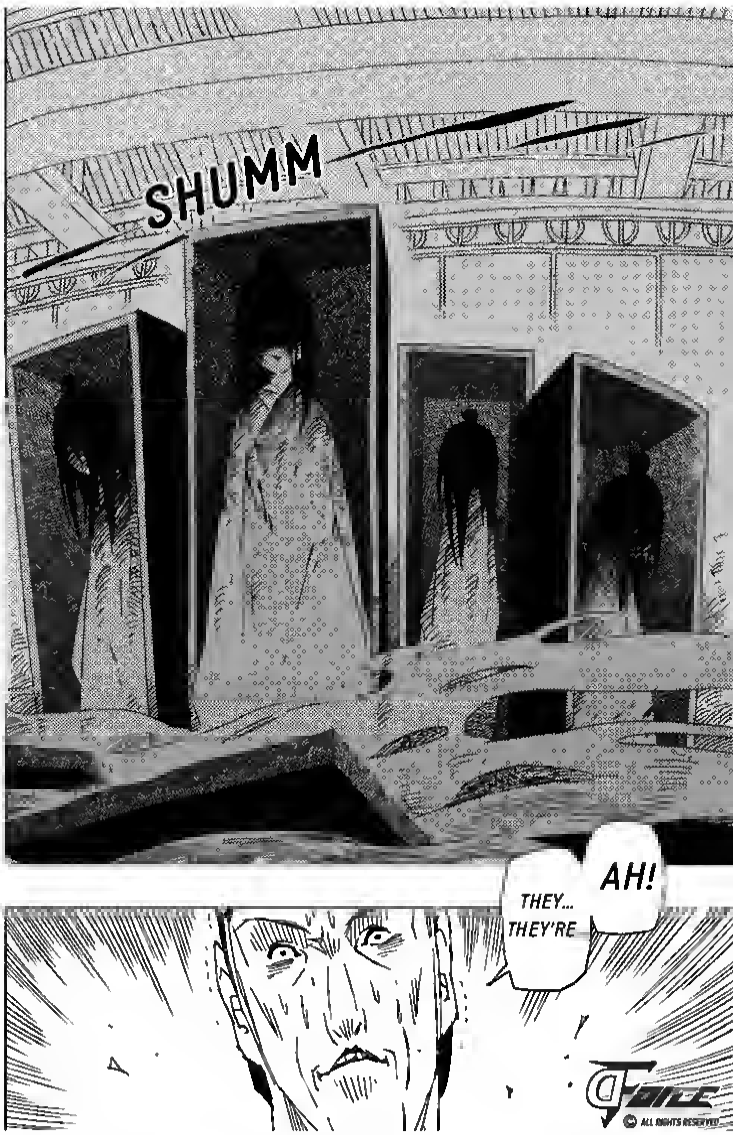
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT OFFENOED FOR THE MEAGER GIFTS I'VE COME TO OFFER YOU
I'VE COME TO PAY MY RESPECTS TO YOU, COMMANOER!
MEAGER GIFTS?
TSK TSK... JUST SOME SHOOOY WOOOEN BOXES
CREAK!
CREAK!
LET'S SEE HOW MEAGER THEY ARE!



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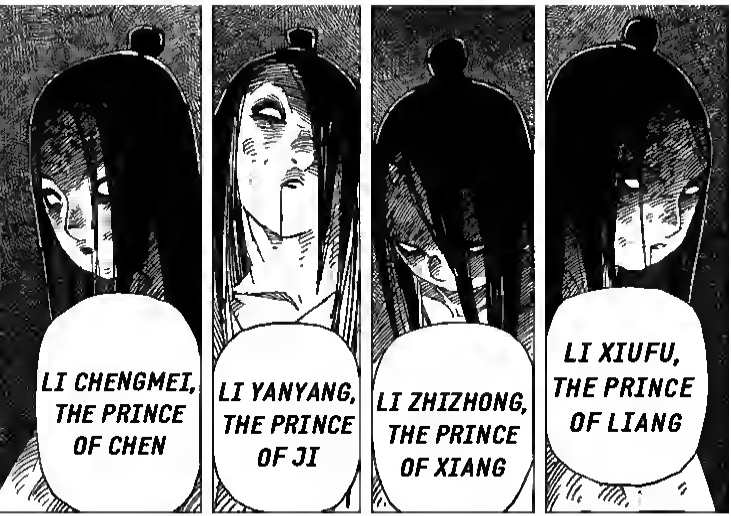

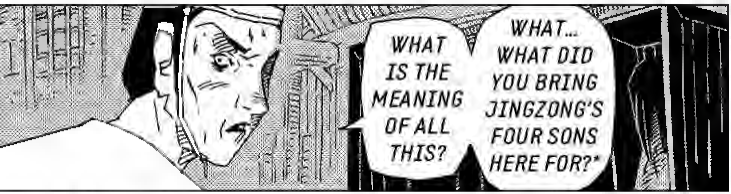

*JINGZONG, PERSONAL NAME LI ZHAN, WAS THE BROTHER OF THE EMPEROR AT THAT TIME, LI ANG. HE WAS KILLED BY THE EUNUCH LIU KEMING IN 862. LI ANG WAS CHOSEN BY THE EUNUCH FACTION TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

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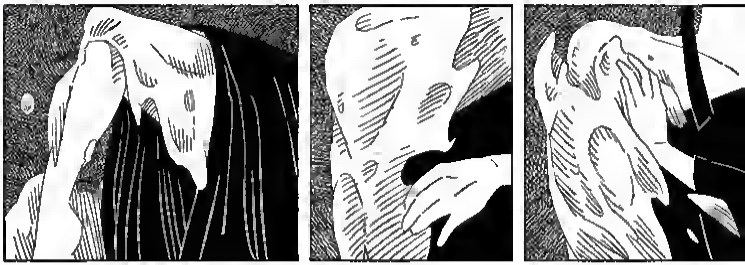

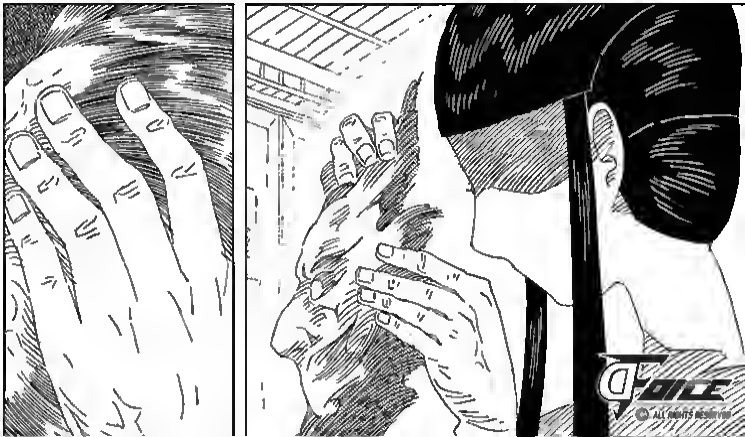

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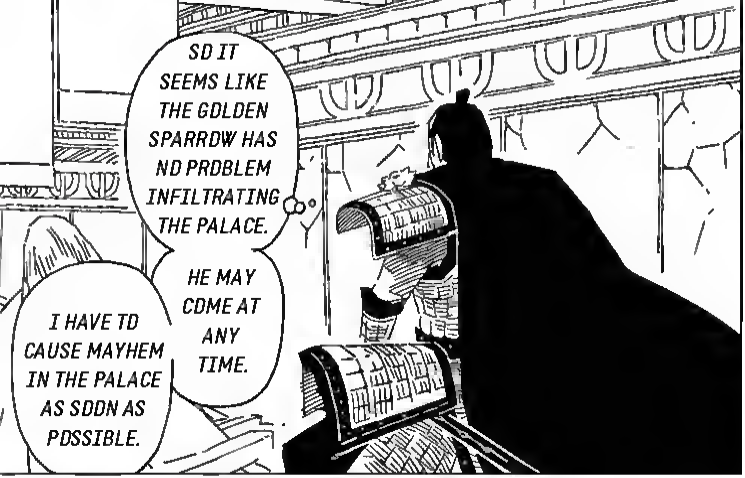
SAVE ME!
WAHH! HELP!
SAVE ME!
JUST WAIT TIL I GET YOUR OESCENOANTS BACK IN CHANG'AN. THEN YOU'LL SEE MY TRUE POWER...
WHERE ARE THOSE TWO?
IT MUST HAVE BEEN ONE OF WANG SHOUCHENG 'S MEN!
THEY'RE STILL A OAY'S JOURNEY AWAY.
CALM YDURSELF, MY GRACE. I WAS HERE TD HELP. THE ASSASSIN WAS WDUNDED AND FLED
THERE ARE MEN SCDURING THE CITY AS WE SPEAK. HE WDN'T ESCAPE!

THAT GIRL IS BRAVE, ALRIGHT. SHE'S JUST AS GOOO AS I WAS BACK THEN
PHEW... XIAO XIAO'S PLAN WORKEO...
IF IT'S LIKE YOU SAY, THE GOLOEN SPARROW WILL BE THERE ANO KILL HIM ON THE SPOT.
WHAT ASSASSI NATION PLOT?
THAT WAY, THE GOLOEN SPARROW WILL BELIEVE EUNUCH YU IS YAN PO.THE ASSASSINATION PLOT WILL GO OFF EFFORTLESSLY
FIRST, YOU HAVE TO KNOCK OUT EUNUCH YU ANO ASSUME HIS FORM. THEN, REVEAL YOUR TRUE IOENTITY IN FRONT OF THE GOLOEN SPARROW
EVEN THE GOLOEN SPARROW WILL HAVE A TOUGH TIME WITH THAT
ASSEMBLE SOME PIKEMEN AND ARCHERS THAT ARE ADEPT AT FIGHTING ENEMIES ABOVE THEM AND HAVE THEM LIE IN WAIT. AT EVEN THE SLIGHTEST DISTURBANCE HAVE THEM JUMP TO ACTION
I'M GUESSING THAT THE GOLDEN SPARROW WILL BE LURKING IN THE RAFTERS.


SD IT SEEMS LIKE THE GDLDEN SPARRDW HAS ND PRDBLEM INFILTRATING THE PALACE.
HE MAY CDME AT ANY TIME.
I HAVE TD CAUSE MAYHEM IN THE PALACE AS SDDN AS PDSSIBLE.

THAT ZHENG ZHU IS SUCH A HINDRANCE. LAST TIME HE RUINED EVERYTHING!

I SHDULD GD SEE LI XUN AGAIN...

HUANG XIU!

LISTEN TO ME. DON'T INFILTRATE DAMING PALACE!

AND WHAT IF I DO?
To be continued